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NEWSLETTER

The Arts Society of West Suffolk



VISITS: Many thanks to Julia Eeles for organising the visit to **Audley End House** and gardens last month. Our car sharing worked well and we all managed to arrive in good time to meet together before beginning our tours. There was unexpected excitement when a fire alarm sounded soon after our arrival and we were summoned to gather on the front lawns. Fortunately, all was soon declared safe and we proceeded to enjoy viewing the impressive park designed by Capability Brown and the splendid Jacobean house featuring Robert Adam's architectural design. With its spacious grounds and estate, Audley End is

one of England's grandest mansions. The servants' wing, state rooms, stables, and kitchen garden all perfectly illustrate what life was like above and below stairs at a Victorian country house. On the day we visited, the recently restored parterre, which was originally designed by William Sawtry Gilpin and 3rd Lord Braybrook in 1832, was looking particularly lovely in the day's sunshine. An excellent day out!



Bookings are now being taken for the visit to -

EUSTON HALL on Tuesday 26th September 2023 £24

Guided tour, coffee and cakes, and a light lunch. Please contact Julia Eeles, Visits Organiser, on 01359 240838 or email juliaeeles@hotmail.co.uk to book your place.



YOUNG ARTS: Jacky Livens was invited by the Bury Rotary Club to receive an official certificate on behalf of our swimming team for their part in the recent Rotary Swimathon. She is pictured here with Ian Elliot, Rotary District Governor. The final figure raised for Young Arts in this event was £1,250. This amount is a pleasing start towards the £4,000 which we aim to raise this year for an arts project in a local school.

Our thanks again to the swimming team and to everyone who sponsored them. Your support for Young Arts is greatly appreciated. We very much hope that it will continue at our fundraising lecture in September.

CHARITY LECTURE RAISING FUNDS FOR YOUNG ARTS
Tuesday 5th September 2023 Coffee from 10 am at Blackbourne Community Centre
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL Entrance £10

Please encourage your friends to come along to hear Anthony Russell lecture on
The Power and the Glory of Country Houses

It is often argued that Britain possesses the finest collection of "living" stately homes in the world. It is harder to deny that they represent one of the country's greatest assets and its greatest contribution to the decorative arts worldwide.

